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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUEBEC 0159

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, CA  
SUBJECT: THE CLOAK MAY BE LONG AND THE DAGGER SHORT BUT P.Q.  
IS TRYING

1. UNDERSTAND SOME ELEMENTS IN PARTI QUEBECOIS HAVE APPROACHED  
ED BROADBENT WITH OFFER OF COVERT SUPPORT FOR NDP CANDIDATES  
IN FORTHCOMING FEDERAL BYELECTIONS IN QUEBEC. BROADBENT, ACCORDING  
TO PQ MILITANT WHO WAS PRESENT AT RECENT PRIVATE MEETING IN  
OTTAWA WITH BROADBENT, WAS FEARFUL OF DAMAGE SUCH AN ALLIANCE  
COULD DO NDP IN WESTERN CANADA SHOULD IT BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.  
WHILE BROADBENT DID NOT TURN DOWN OFFER OF COVERT COOPERATION  
OUT OF HAND, MY SOURCE DOUBTS HE WILL RISK DISPLEASING  
WESTERN ANGLOPHONE SUPPORTERS DESPITE ATTRACTIVE PROSPECT  
OFFERED NDP OF CUTTING INTO FEDERAL LIBERALS NEAR MONOPOLY  
IN QUEBEC AND OF ESTABLISHING NDP IN QUEBEC.

2. INITIATIVE IN PQ FOR CLANDESTINE PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL  
POLITICS THROUGH ARRANGEMENT WITH NDP REPORTEDLY COMES FROM  
MILITANT "PROGRESSIVE" ELEMENTS IN MONTREAL. THEY FEEL  
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IDEOLOGICALLY MORE COMPATIBLE WITH NDP THAN WITH ANY OTHER  
CANADIAN PARTY. HOWEVER, REAL ATTRACTION OF SUCH AN  
ALLIANCE FOR PQ IS ITS POTENTIAL FOR WEAKENING FEDERAL  
LIBERALS AND THEIR LEADER, PIERRE TRUDEAU.

3. I HAVE ALSO HEARD STRONG RUMORS THAT SOME OTHER PQ ELEMENTS  
IN QUEBEC CITY ARE QUIETLY WORKING FOR TORY CANDIDATES IN

BYELECTION CAMPAIGN.

4. NOT CLEAR WHETHER EITHER PQ GROUP HAS BLESSING OF PARTY  
LEADERSHIP FOR THEIR ADVENTURES IN FEDERAL POLITICS. HOWEVER,  
SEEMS LIKELY THAT WILY TACTICIANS LIKE LEVESQUE AND CLAUD MORIN  
WOULD WISH KEEP PUBLIC DISTANCE FROM ANY PARTICIPATION IN  
FEDERAL POLITICS WHILE PRIVATELY ENCOURAGING DISCREET ACTION  
WHICH COULD WEAKEN TRUDEAU.  
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